



C A L I F O R N I A D E P A R T M E N T O F
Mental Health
Atascadero State Hospital

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Dear Internship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Psychology Internship Program at Atascadero State Hospital (ASH). ASH is a forensic state hospital. The program also includes a community placement one day per week for nine months typically at the local university counseling center (California Polytechnic University). The Psychology Internship Program has been accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1970. All information necessary to apply to the Psychology Internship Program at Atascadero State Hospital can be obtained in the program brochure or at the hospital's web site at <http://www.dmh.cahwnet.gov/statehospitals/atascadero>. The information on the website is identical to the information found in the brochure. To apply, the following materials must be submitted by November 15, 2006:

1. APPIC Application for Psychology Interns (AAPI-Part 1)
To obtain an AAPI, please contact <http://www.appic.org>
2. The "Academic Program Verification of Internship Eligibility and Readiness" form (AAPI-Part 2) completed by your Training Director. It may be enclosed with your application or mailed separately.
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Two letters of professional reference (in addition to the Eligibility and Readiness form from your Training Director)
5. An original of your graduate transcript(s)
6. Complete the first page of the California State Application (form 678) which can be found on the internet at <http://www.spb.ca.gov/Employment>

The application and supporting documents, including references and transcripts, must be received at Atascadero State Hospital by November 15, 2006. The first application review will be completed by December and applicants will be notified concerning their status in the selection process. All efforts will be made to notify applicants of their application status by December 15. Interviews are required and are scheduled for January 2007 on Fridays for those applicants who pass the first application review. Those who cannot appear for a personal interview will be scheduled for a telephone interview. No preference will be given to those applicants appearing for in-person interviews as opposed to telephone interviews.

Atascadero State Hospital is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) and adheres to APPIC guidelines regarding intern selection. Additional information regarding the Match Program can be obtained by contacting <http://www.natmatch.com/psychint> on-line. Atascadero State Hospital's APPIC Internship Matching Program code number is 111311.

Application materials should be addressed as follows:

Stacy Thacker, Ph.D.
Psychology Internship Director
Atascadero State Hospital
Medical Staff Office
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Atascadero, CA 93423-7001

For UPS, Federal Express, etc., please use the hospital's street address:

10333 El Camino Real
Atascadero, CA 93422

If you need additional information or have questions regarding the Psychology Internship Program at Atascadero State Hospital, please contact me by phone (805-468-2213) or e-mail (sthacker@dmhash.state.ca.us) Otherwise, I look forward to receiving your application materials in the mail and we thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

Stacy Thacker, Ph.D.
Psychology Internship Director